

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Manthei, J., et al**

Serial Number : Not yet assigned
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Docket Number : DAM 589-03
Title : System and Method for Containment and Testing of
Extremely Toxic Substances

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment and it is offered to advance the prosecution of the case. It is requested that the amendment be entered.

Please amend the above-described application as set forth below:

In the Specification

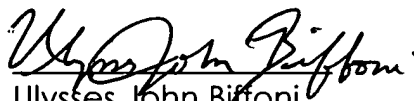
On page 1, as the first sentence of the specification, insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/449,430, filed on February 24, 2003--.

Respectfully submitted,

February 17, 2004
Date


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